Met Office

Icy conditions follow heavy snow

18 December 2010 - As expected, heavy snow affected parts of England, Wales and Northern Ireland on Friday night and Saturday, leading to disruption to travel networks and sporting fixtures. The snow in affected parts of southern England is expected to slowly ease this evening.

Our forecasters are warning that there will be widespread ice across many parts of the UK through the rest of the weekend, resulting in dangerous conditions on roads and pavements.

Heavy snow showers are expected across eastern Scotland and north-east England, with up to 20cm of fresh snow possible in places by the end of Sunday.

Met Office Chief Forecaster, Frank Saunders said: "It will become very icy in many areas tonight and there is an ongoing risk of snow, especially in north-eastern Britain, for the rest of the weekend. We will continue to keep a close eye on how the weather develops and will update our forecasts to focus on areas most at risk from the heaviest snowfall."

The public are advised to stay up to date with the latest weather forecasts and warnings (https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20120404035912mp_/http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/uk_forecast_ on the web and television and should be prepared to change their weekend plans based on the weather forecast.

How to interpret Met Office Severe Weather Warnings (https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20120404035912mp_/http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/guide/colou

For travel advice you can visit:

Highways Agency (https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20120404035912mp_/http://www.highways.gov.uk)

Traffic Scotland (https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20120404035912mp_/http://trafficscotland.org/)

Traffic Wales (https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20120404035912mp_/http://www.traffic-wales.com/)

Trafficwatch Northern Ireland (https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20120404035912mp_/http://www.trafficwatchni.com/site/default.asp)

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